

ALLIED SHIPS' ATTACK FAILS

Unsuccessful in Bombardment of Batteries at Exit of the Dardanelles, Says a Turkish Report.

CRUISER AND DESTROYER ARE STRUCK BY SHELLS

Pressure by French on German Line in West Expected to Develop Into Event of Vaster Scope.

London, April 14.—The struggle for the last of the Carpathian passes held by the German allies still was the center of interest on the war stage today. The importance of the series of fierce battles along the eastern front from Bartfeld to Bukovina was so fully recognized that activity in any other field was considered relatively unimportant. Each side claims successes. Vienna says that the invaders have been checked since March 20. Petrograd says that the fighting is in progress 14 miles south of Dukla pass, which would indicate a considerable Russian advance. The Teutonic forces are still holding the Uzok pass and continue their counter attacks but last night the Russians announced the capture of three more heights within four or five miles of that vital gateway.

In the west the allies have done little in the last two or three days beyond the consolidation of the positions now in their hands and to prepare for another effort to oust the Germans from St. Mihiel.

Constantinople, April 13.—(Via wireless to Berlin and London, April 14.)—An official statement issued by the Turkish war office tonight says:

"Some enemy patrol ships today bombarded unsuccessfully the batteries at the exit of the Dardanelles. A cruiser and a destroyer were struck by shells from the fortifications."

London, April 14.—Field Marshal Sir John French's message to his countrymen at home that "I know that when the time comes for our great move we can break through the German line," and a British eye-witness statement that "there are plain signs of the gradual weakening of German resistance" is accepted here as an intimation of the steady pressure on the western front which will shortly develop into an event of vaster scope. It is expected that the next three months will be especially memorable in this epoch making war.

Military writers believe that the reports of the French success on the Meuse-Mozelle line, an important region between the rival fortresses of Verdun and Metz has given promise of the opening of the spring campaign, which they regard as signifying the final offensive which awaits the arrival of adequate accumulation of men, equipment and supplies.

The suspension of infantry fighting in the all-important Verdun district was quickly ended as was expected by the

CHINA OBSTINATE IN FACE OF THREATS

Declines to Recede From Position Regarding Certain Japanese Demands.

Peking, April 14.—The deadlock in the negotiations over Japan's demands on China remains unbroken. China declines to recede from her position, notwithstanding the fact that the Japanese minister, Eki Kikori, threatened yesterday to discontinue the negotiations.

The Chinese foreign minister, Lu Cheng-Hsiang, refused to discuss group V of the Japanese demands. This group relates to a number of the most important demands made by Japan, including the employment of Japanese supervision of the manufacture or purchase of China's war munitions and rights for railway and mining operations.

M. Hiochi endeavored to draw the Chinese representatives into a discussion of article V of this group, which has to do with the concession of Japan of rights for construction of railroads. He intimated that China had favored Great Britain with railway concessions and had not given similar rights to Japan. He again urged China to grant the concessions demanded, and permit Japan to take up subsequently with Great Britain any question which might arise in respect of encroachment of British railway interests.

The Japanese minister again postponed consideration of the Manchuria group. The Chinese foreign minister asked once more that discussion concerning this group be concluded but M. Hiochi replied that he still was without instructions on this point from Tokyo.

523,959 BALES COTTON CONSUMED DURING MARCH

Compared With 493,354 in the Month Last Year—Other Cotton Figures.

Washington, April 14.—Cotton used during March amounted to 523,959 bales, exclusive of linters, the census bureau announced today. Cotton on hand in manufacturing establishments and independent warehouses aggregated on March 31, 5,119,317 bales.

Cotton consumption compared with 493,354 bales used in March a year ago. During the eight months period ending March 31 the consumption was 3,578,215 bales against 3,765,210 bales in the same period of last year.

Cotton on hand March 31 in manufacturing establishments was 1,740,476 bales against 1,679,239 bales in last year and in independent warehouses 3,378,317 bales against 1,834,008 bales last year.

The cotton exports for March were 1,298,773 bales against 695,310 bales last year; and for the eight months ending March 31 6,889,673 bales against 7,936,075 bales in the same period last year.

Cotton spindles active during March numbered 39,918,533 against 31,083,858 last year.

PAPERS RECEIVED IN CONDEMNATION CASE

The United States Marshall's office here has received today from the office of United States District Attorney Hammer papers in a case entitled United States versus Frank A. Keith and others which is a condemnation proceeding instituted by the department of agriculture for the acquisition of 550 acres of land in McDowell county as part of the national forest reserve. There are about 100 defendants involved in the suit and the summons will be served in person by the deputy marshals. The defendants will be summoned to appear in the district court of the United States at Greensboro on May 15.

236 KILLED IN MINE

Tokio, April 13.—An accident in a coal mine at Shimonoiki resulted in the loss of 236 lives, according to information received in Tokyo this evening.

STILL WEIGHING SOUTHERN CASE

Corporation Commission Continues to Entertain the Request of Road to Withdraw Other Trains.

RAILROAD TARDY IN FURNISHING FIGURES

Governor Makes Requisition for J. M. Glazener—Hooper Portrait Presentation—State News.

Raleigh, April 14.—The corporation commission is still entertaining the Southern railway's request to withdraw certain trains on its several roads in the state, the commission having asked for figures that will show the business done by the railroad.

While no announcement is expected for some days, the commission will not take any action unless the Southern presents figures that convince the commission that further hearing would be justified. That much was said to the officials several weeks ago and the figures that will call for a hearing in which all parties will be examined, have not been produced.

Considering the tardiness of the railroad, the patrons of the line rear back in contemplation of continued rides on present schedules.

From Washington the corporation commission receives advice that the interstate commerce commission will soon hear the cases growing out of the rate reduction brought about by the commission nearly two years ago, in which settlement the Virginia cities find no pleasure.

The time set is May 5 and Examiner Pugh writes that the testimony will continue at the Washington office. The case was carried up by the Virginia corporation commission.

Governor Craig has offered a reward of \$50 for William Watkins, a ginger cake colored man, who is wanted for attempt at criminal assault in Warren county. The commissioners of Warren have offered a reward also.

Governor Craig honors the requisition of South Carolina's governor for one J. M. Glazener, wanted in Aiken for obtaining money under false pretense and now supposed to be hiding in Brevard, Transylvania county.

Hooper Portrait Presented. The portrait of William Hooper, revolutionary statesman, orator, distinguished citizen of the republic and signer of the declaration of independence, was presented last night, the anniversary of the Halifax Resolves, by the society of the Sons of the Revolution.

The presentation speech was made in an exhaustive summary of Hooper's career by Dr. Archibald Henderson and accepted by R. D. W. Connor, J. Bryan Grimes presiding over the meeting. The picture was painted by Jacques Busbee, artist of Raleigh and no work that adorns the walls of state buildings is a better ornamentation. Hooper being an exceptionally handsome man, Mr. Busbee reached high water in this touch.

The Fayetteville Steamboat company has dissolved by mutual consent following a resolution in January.

The secretary of state charters the Carolina corporation of Sanford at \$100,000 with \$10,000 paid in and the W. J. Edwards and company of the same place with \$400 of the \$40,000 paid in. Each corporation has the same incorporators, H. P. Edwards, G. W. Cunningham and T. L. Riddle.

In the Supreme court the criminal case of state against Kennedy, from Stanley, wherein a white man is appealing from the conviction of six years for manslaughter, was argued, R. L. Smith of Stanley, presenting the defendant's case.

The defense argued that Kennedy killed Morton when three were attacking him and presents self defense as one of the elements. The court heard another rather small lot of cases.

MORRISTOWN LADY DIED HERE AT SANATORIUM

Miss Aurelia Carriger, aged 46 years, died here this morning at a local sanatorium. The deceased had resided in Asheville for the past two years, and had numerous relatives in the city. The body will be taken to Morristown for interment tonight. Miss Carriger, during her stay in Asheville, had formed a great many friendships, and was well known and kindly disposition and her many acquaintances will hear with the deepest regret of her death.

WARSHIPS USE MEXICAN BAY

Captain Mexican Cruiser Says Allied Ships Have Been Using Magdalena Bay, Lower Cal., for Base.

BRITISH, JAPANESE AND AUSTRALIAN SHIPS SEEN

All Ships Are Reported to Have Been Stripped for Action—Had Been on Long Voyages.

San Diego, Cal., April 14.—British, Japanese and Australian warships have been using Magdalena bay, Lower California, Mexico, for a coal and supply base, according to Captain A. Sommeralla of the Mexican auxiliary cruiser Ensenada just in from Magdalena bay by way of Turkey bay. Warships of the allied fleets in the Pacific have been using Magdalena bay as a base for a number of months, according to Captain Sommeralla.

According to the natives at times fleets of foreign warships and auxiliaries mostly British and Japanese, have anchored in the bay. The warships were all stripped for action and looked as though they had been steaming on long voyages. The Ensenada entered Magdalena bay early in March. Captain Sommeralla says he saw a two-funnelled cruiser painted a leaden color with decks cleared for action, hovering outside the bay. Later the Japanese cruiser Chitose entered the bay and coaled from a collier and proceeded.

The Japanese cruiser Asama is still around where she struck December 31. Attempts to salvage the cruiser have been going on without interruption.

FURTHER INDICTMENTS IN MISS TANZER CASE

Include Rae Tanzer, Her Two Attorneys and Detective in Osborne Case.

New York, April 14.—Rae Tanzer, Maxwell and David Slade of the law firm of Slade and Slade, her attorneys in the breach of promise suit she brought against James W. Osborne, and Albert J. McCullough, a detective employed by the Slades, have been indicted by the federal grand jury investigating circumstances surrounding the filing of the suit. Miss Tanzer is charged with using the mails to defraud. The Slades and McCullough are charged with conspiracy.

There were nine counts in the indictment against Miss Tanzer, each based on a letter she was alleged to have written to Mr. Osborne, addressing him as "dear Oliver." It was charged she used the mails in an attempt to defraud by making false representations that James W. Osborne had promised to marry her and by demanding money and property from him. The acts of indictment were returned against each of the Slades and McCullough. The first set charged conspiracy to obstruct justice, and the second conspiracy to wrongfully influence the testimony of witnesses.

Seven indictments now have resulted from the grand jury's investigation of the suit brought by Miss Tanzer, Frank D. Stafford, who said he saw James W. Osborne and Miss Tanzer at a hotel in New Jersey, was indicted last week for perjury. Miss Tanzer's sisters, Rose and Dora, were indicted yesterday on the same charge.

COLONEL KIRKPATRICK IS CHARLOTTE'S MAYOR

Special to The Gazette-News. Charlotte, April 14.—Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick won in the mayoralty race in the primaries yesterday over F. R. McIninch. Kirkpatrick's majority over McIninch was only 58.

Kirkpatrick was a candidate of the old, or alternate, charter. McIninch the new, or managerial, character. The contest was keen and exciting. Kirkpatrick is a member of the governor's staff and of a prominent family in Mecklenburg, a successful and prominent lawyer, and elder in the A. R. P. church.

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"DRIES" LAWING SEABOARD R. R.

Road Charged With Delivering Whiskey to Persons Not Consignees—Judge Reserves Decision.

DAUGHTRIDGE URGES GOVERNORSHIP CLAIM

"Ins" at Raleigh Deny Having Negroes Register in Municipal Election—Make Counter Charge.

(By W. T. Post). Raleigh, April 14.—Police Justice W. C. Harris yesterday tried the Seaboard Air line on a charge of delivering whiskey to persons not the consignees but reserved judgment for a later look into the law.

This case grew directly out of the conviction of Elmo Gill, a white character of great local notoriety, who has never quite understood the temperance measures that biennially block his plans. Shortly before the new Grier act went into effect, Gill was caught with 101 pints of whiskey and his reputation was so much against him that explanation greatly embarrassed him. He did say, however, that the whiskey was not for him, but he could not explain how a man who knows him would keep such a large deposit in Gill's care and Gill went to the roads.

Yesterday he was brought in to testify. His evidence was that the Seaboard's agent, W. H. Blackburn, delivered the whiskey consigned to T. M. Salmon, to Gill. The Seaboard's evidence was that Gill appeared with another man who was represented as Mr. Salmon and that the whiskey went to the other person. The direct conflict in testimony was about the only issue before the court whose mind appeared to be against conviction of a corporation which had no way to deliver its whiskey if it had to employ detectives to inquire into every shipment.

The temperance people have been after the Seaboard for refusing to open its books to citizens, but a recent report of the Supreme court settled that against the road. Friends of the system intimate that this action is a part of a further plan to give this great interstate totter of booze more trouble. The Seaboard comes straight from the parlors of thrives with great loads of this elixir of trouble.

DaughtrIDGE Campaigning. Lieutenant Governor DaughtrIDGE's letters are going broadcast over the state and the Rocky Mount candidate for governor is himself much pleased with the progress that his candidacy is making.

The letters sent out by Mr. DaughtrIDGE do not indicate that he is going to play the farmers union favorite or that he will appeal to the farmers as a class. He is persuaded that the people want an administration by one close to the agricultural, industrial and commercial interests of the state and one who is equally sympathetic with the people equally sympathetic with the people.

The Rocky Mount man expects to race with Bicket for the mastery. He does not think he will have to beat anybody else. "There will be no bitterness in this campaign from me," he said to your correspondent.

Business is Better. "Business is better," he said, when asked to give an estimate of things not within the political purview. "I am a farmer and a farmer, and a merchant and a farmer."

He continued: "Every sack that we make is sold and I have not seen collections better. We have had an amazingly few number of failures. Cotton farmers have sold their crop at low prices and kept money in circulation. They have sacrificed their effort but it has resulted in the common good. I think diversification of crops and reduction in cotton acreage will do much to help us next year. I do not fear too much tobacco, the crop of last year sold so well."

And of course he thinks business improvement will help the party which has been the goat during the months of financial illness.

Officials Deny Registering Negroes. The city officials deny that they have registered the colored voters for the city primary April 19 but charge to candidates running against the administration the responsibility for the disturbing element in the campaign.

Of course the administration is not opposing the vote of the blacks because the town is full of colored men who are entitled to vote. Mayor Johnson and City Clerk W. H. Sawyer have taken the bulk of the blacks have been taken in by one of the candidates for commissioner of public safety and that the city administration has made no effort to bring the colored man into the campaign.

"The nigger has a hard time in (Continued on Page Three).

WILHELM READY FOR DRY DOCKS

TREASURY MEN TO BE GIVEN SUPPORT

Government Will Back up McAdoo and Williams in Bank Suit.

Washington, April 14.—Developments yesterday indicated that the government intends to do its utmost to back up Secretary McAdoo of the treasury and Comptroller of Currency Williams, in the legal fight precipitated by the Riggs National bank, complainant in equity proceedings to enjoin these officials from alleged attempts to drive the institution out of business through systematic and long continued persecution.

Attorney General Gregory announced that the department of justice had employed Louis D. Brandies of Boston to defend Messrs Williams and McAdoo in the injunction proceedings. He declared his department and the treasury were co-operating in these proceedings. It became known also that Jesse C. Adkins, former assistant attorney general, also had been retained by the case.

Officials declined to say whether the government at this time contemplates any affirmative proceedings in addition to the defense of Mr. McAdoo and Mr. Williams in the injunction case. It was denied, however, that the bureau of investigation of the department of justice had undertaken any investigation of affairs of the Riggs bank.

WHISKEY PROBE WAS CONTINUED INDEFINITELY

Fifteen Witnesses Examined But no Evidence Was Secured From Them.

Although fifteen witnesses were examined yesterday afternoon before Magistrate B. L. Lyda, by Solicitor J. B. Swain in the investigation which was conducted for the purpose of finding out if any liquor had been sold illegally in Buncombe county during the past two years, nothing was brought out in the hearing and a continuance was taken for an indefinite period.

It was stated after the hearing that several of the witnesses that had been summoned were ill and could not be brought into court now so it was thought best to continue the hearing. County Attorney J. W. Haynes, who has been associated with Solicitor Swain in the probe, is out of the city and will not return for several days, this too being one of the causes for the continuance.

The following witnesses were examined yesterday afternoon: Walter Johnson, H. A. Moffitt, E. J. Ray, Dr. Sumner, J. O. Sales, Tom Jackson, Rankin Blackburn, Furman Ward, John Patton, Harry Patton, John Tipton, Roy Fairchild, J. H. Brown, Herschel Eller, John Garrison, Henry Miller and Carroll Eller.

ALASKAN GOVERNOR SIGNS PROHIBITION BILL

REFUGEES IN MEXICO RETURN TO AMERICA

Galveston, April 14.—The United States army transport Sumner sailed early today from Tampico, having on board about 300 refugees who desired to return to the United States.

Bombardment of Carranza Trenches in Matamoros On

Brownsville, Tex., April 14.—Bombardment of Carranza trenches by the Villa army besieging Matamoros began yesterday. The first few shells exploded in the air over the town. Only one cannon appeared to be in action. The Villa gunner got the range within a few minutes and dropped two shells a few yards from the trenches on the west side of the town. Apparently there was no damage.

Before the range was secured about four shells exploded over Matamoros,

Commander of German Warship Expects Permission From Washington to Enter Dry Docks.

EXAMINING BOARD ALSO EXPECTED TODAY

Capt. Thierfelder Promises to Ascertain If There Are Any Naturalized Americans Among the Crew.

Newport News, April 14.—Expecting permission from the Washington authorities to move his ship into the dry dock at the navy yard here, Captain Thierfelder, commander of the German converted cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm, today ordered that the vessel be made ready to proceed up the James from her anchorage.

The commander also expected the examining board of the United States navy to reach Norfolk today to check up on his outline of the repairs that would be necessary to make the ship seaworthy.

Preparation to receive the converted cruiser at the dry dock were made at the ship yard, but the officers of the company had received strict instructions not to permit the cruiser to enter until granted authority from Washington.

The German commander had not completed his inquiry into the nationality of the members of his crew last night, as requested by Collector of Customs Hamilton, but he promised to ascertain today whether there are any naturalized Americans aboard his ship. Collector Hamilton asked that he be permitted to confer with any naturalized American that might be aboard the warship and Captain Thierfelder agreed to this. At least one naturalized American is believed to belong to the crew.

Details of the sinking of the British steamer Bellevue, one of the Wilhelm's 14 victims were related today by a member of the crew which revealed that the British ship had been held as a prize for 16 days before she was sent to the bottom. The Bellevue was bound from Liverpool to South American ports and had aboard 4,000 tons of coal, 1,000 cases of whiskey and several coils of oxen. She was captured by the Wilhelm on December 4, last. She was manned by strong cables to the Wilhelm and everything of value, including the cargo, was removed before the Bellevue was sunk.

PROPOSE TO TAKE LIBERTY BELL TO SAN FRANCISCO

Philadelphia, April 14.—Determined efforts will be made at tomorrow's meeting of the city council to effect the passage of an ordinance which will permit the removal of the historic Liberty bell from its shrine in Independence hall to the Pennsylvania building at the San Francisco exposition for exhibition during the fair. There are indications that the ordinance will pass. Mayor Blankenburg and other leaders of the city favor the ordinance, including an appropriation for the expenses of the trip.

SIXTY-NINE EVENTS IN RELAY CARNIVAL

Philadelphia, April 14.—Sixty-nine events are on the program of the University of Pennsylvania's relay carnival to be held on Friday and Saturday of next week. The University of South Carolina will be represented in the races for the first time. It was announced yesterday that Plaxico, considered one of the fastest runners in the south, will represent that institution in the 100-yard dash.

one above the French theater, near the American consulate.

Washington, April 13.—Resumption of hostilities is expected in the vicinity of Calaya and Riapiate between the Mexican factions under the command of Villa and Obregon, according to state department advice. American Consul Agent Carothers telegraphed that on April 7, after 36 hours fighting, Villa had decided to await reinforcements. Over 15,000 men, it is estimated have now been gathered for the fight by Villa and Obregon is believed to have an equal number.